

United States Forest Service
Tonto National Forest

EMERGENCY FIRE RESTRICTIONS

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) , the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area”), all within the Tonto National Forest, Maricopa, Gila, Yavapai, and Pinal Counties, Arizona:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or wood or charcoal burning stove. 36 CFR 261.52(a)

Exceptions: Campfires consisting of charcoal only will be limited to fire grills and grates provided by the Forest Service in developed recreation sites as listed in Exhibit B; Gas and propane stoves, lanterns or heating devices are permitted providing such devices meet the fire underwriter’s specifications for safety.

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR 261.52(d)

3. Operating an internal combustion engine. 36 CFR 261.52(h)

Exceptions: a) Operating or using a motor vehicle, boat or other watercraft or any other internal combustion engine with a spark arresting g device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order and meeting either USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-1a or appropriate SAE recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a).

4. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52 (i)

5. Discharging a firearm, except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations. 36 CFR 261.58(m)

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

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2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Residence owners lessees of land, and holders of Forest Service special use authorizations within the restricted area, are exempt from prohibition number 1 (building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or wood or charcoal burning stove) provided such fires are within a permanent structure (e.g. dwelling) and a spark arresting device is in use.

AREA DESCRIBED

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the Tonto National Forest, Maricopa, Gila, Yavapai, and Pinal Counties, Arizona (Exhibit A).

A list of developed recreation sites exempted from prohibition number 1 are attached hereto and made part of this Order as Exhibit B.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public's health and safety and to protect National Forest System lands, resources and facilities during the current period of severe fire danger.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective at 8:00 AM on June 11, 2011, and will remain in effect until rescinded or until August 30, 2011, whichever occurs first.
2. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].

Done this 9th day of June 2011, at Phoenix, Arizona.


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EXHIBIT B – DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES EXEMPT FROM PROHIBITION NO.1

Cave Creek Ranger District

Bartlett Lake Recreation Area

Bartlett Lake Marina
Rattlesnake Cove
Rattlesnake Group
S B Cove
Yellow Cliffs

Lower Verde Recreation Area

Needle Rock Day Use Picnic Area

Seven Springs Recreation Area

CCC Campground
Seven Springs Picnic Area
Cave Creek Group Site

Horseshoe Lake Recreation Area

Mesa Ranger District

Saguaro Lake Marina
Saguaro Del Norte
Butcher Jones
Canyon Lake Marina
Acacia
Boulder
Laguna
Palo Verde
Granite Reef
Phon D Sutton
Coons Bluff
Goldfield
Pebble Beach
Blue Point
Sheep's Crossing
Water Users
Larry Forbis Group Site
Pobrecito Boat Staging Area.

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Tonto Basin Ranger District

Diversion Dam Picnic Site
Vineyard
Frazier
Windy Hill
Cholla
Grapevine
Cottonwood
Schoolhouse Campground
Indian Point Campground
Burnt Corral